



SELF-LOCKING MODULAR PROSTHESIS

This application is a continuation of both (i) co-pending Application Serial No. 10/032,984, filed on October 23, 2001, and (ii) co-pending Application Serial No. 10/033,105, filed on October 22, 2001. Each of the above-identified patent applications Serial Nos. 10/032,984 and 10/033,105 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/246,854, filed November 8, 2000. The disclosures of each of the above-identified provisional and utility patent applications are hereby totally incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Technical Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a prosthesis, and more particularly to a self-locking modular prosthesis.

Background of the Invention

During the lifetime of a patient, it may be necessary to perform a joint replacement procedure on the patient as a result of, for example, disease or trauma. The joint replacement procedure may involve the use of a prosthesis which is implanted into one of the patient's bones. In the case of a hip replacement procedure, a femoral prosthesis is implanted into the patient's thigh bone or femur. The femoral prosthesis is typically constructed as a one-piece structure having an upper portion which